

# Michigan Judges Association

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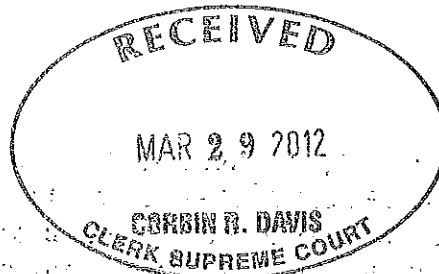
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RE: ADM file 2005-11  
ADM file 2006-47  
ADM File 2011-30  
ADM File 2012-05



Dear Clerk Davis:

At the February 14, 2012 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Board, Rules Committee, and Family Law Committee considered the above-referenced proposed amendments.

MJA considered **ADM file 2005-11**, proposed amendment of the Canons relating to fundraising and Judges. MJA would support adoption of Alternative A if it is clarified to allow fundraising by Judges for Judicial Campaigns. We support adoption of language that is clear to both the Bench and the public that Judges should be allowed to contribute their time and efforts to worthy causes as long as the group or association would not appear in front of them, but should not be involved in the raising of funds directly or through the use of their position as a Judge to do so.

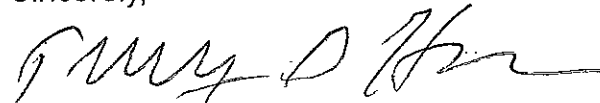
MJA also considered **ADM file 2006-47** and would oppose adoption as written and would ask for the Court to allow additional time to prepare comments to address our concerns. The proposed changes are complicated and have possible consequences regarding access to Court records that cause us concern and for which we do not feel we have had enough time to fully respond.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2011-30**. We support the adoption of the proposed amendment as written.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2012-05**. We support the adoption of the proposed amendment as written.

We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy G. Hicks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Timothy G. Hicks, President  
Michigan Judges Association

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